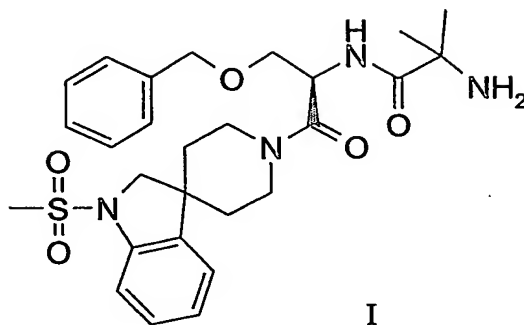


CLAIMS:

1. The use of a compound of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the manufacture of a medicament for treating age-related cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment in a patient in need thereof.

2. Use of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or delaying the onset of Alzheimer's disease in a patient suffering from age-related cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment.

3. Use of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or delaying the onset of dementia associated with Alzheimer's disease in a patient suffering from age-related cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment.

4. Use according to any previous claim wherein said patient is a person aged 55 or over.

5. Use according to any previous claim wherein said patient is a person aged 60 or over.

6. Use according to any previous claim wherein said patient is a person aged 65 or over.

5 7. Use according to any previous claim wherein said patient additionally possesses one or more risk factors for developing Alzheimer's disease selected from: a family history of the disease; a genetic predisposition to the disease; elevated serum cholesterol; adult-onset diabetes mellitus; raised CSF levels of total tau; raised CSF levels of phospho-tau; and lowered CSF levels of A β 42.

10 8. Use according to any of claims 1-7 wherein the patient suffers from mild cognitive impairment.

9. Use according to any of claims 1-7 wherein the patient suffers from age-related cognitive decline.

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10. Use of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the manufacture of a medicament for preventing, retarding or arresting the accumulation of insoluble A β in the brain of a patient suffering from age-related cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment.

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11. Use according to any previous claim wherein the medicament is adapted for oral administration.